LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (EXAMINATIONS) BILL 2012

(Suggested amendments to be proposed in Committee by Ms PENNICUIK)

That it be a suggestion to the Assembly that they make the following amendments in the Bill:

- 1. Clause 21, page 70, lines 27 to 31 and page 71, lines 1 to 27, omit all the words and expression on these lines and insert—
 - "(1) A witness appearing or about to appear at an examination before the IBAC may apply to the Attorney-General for legal or financial assistance.
 - (2) The Attorney-General may approve the provision of legal or financial assistance to the applicant if of the opinion that it is appropriate having regard to any one or more of the following—
 - (a) the prospect of hardship to the witness if assistance is declined;
 - (b) the significance of the evidence that the witness is giving or appears likely to give;
 - (c) any other matter relating to the public interest.
 - (3) On giving the approval, the Attorney-General may authorise provision to the witness of legal or financial assistance determined by the Attorney-General in respect of the appearance by the witness before the IBAC.
 - (4) For the purposes of subsection (3), the Consolidated Fund is appropriated.
 - (5) The assistance may be provided unconditionally or subject to any conditions determined by the Attorney-General.
 - (6) The Attorney-General may delegate one or more of his or her functions under this section to the Secretary to the Department of Justice.".
- 2. Clause 31, page 81, line 2, omit "82ZH;" and insert '82ZH;".'.
- 3. Clause 31, page 81, lines 3 to 6, omit all the words and expressions on these lines.